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Assembly Member Goldberg Nominates Teaching Commission's Teacher of the Year

SACRAMENTO – Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg presented the Day of the Teacher Award to her nominee, Ms. Jo-Ann Krohn, at a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing ceremony held in Sacramento on Thursday, May 8, 2003.

Following the Commission's ceremony, Assembly Member Goldberg introduced Ms. Krohn to her colleagues in the California State Assembly. Ms. Krohn was honored at the Capitol with an Assembly Resolution.

Ms. Krohn has dedicated her teaching career to the students of East Los Angeles. For the past 22 years in her 38 year career Ms. Krohn has taught fifth and sixth grades at Glen Alta Elementary School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Glen Alta is a Title I school in which all students participate in the free lunch program.

Assembly Member Goldberg nominated Ms. Krohn for the Commission's Day of the Teacher Award based on first-hand knowledge of her life-changing impact on students. One of her staff members at the Capitol was once one of Ms. Krohn's students.

Goldberg described Ms. Krohn as "a representative of the dedicated teachers of our state."

Ms. Krohn leads a program that is instrumental in identifying gifted students from low-income families. She makes sure that her teaching colleagues recognize the signs of giftedness and the potential high achievement of the students. She works tirelessly to ensure that her students receive high level instruction and are challenged to succeed and to take their place as leaders.

When the students move on to middle school, Ms. Krohn continues to watch over them and makes sure that they are enrolled in classes that meet their needs. Many of her students have gone on to prestigious colleges and universities and credit her for their love of learning and perseverance in attaining their goals."

Margaret Fortune, Chairperson of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing told the audience, "Today we gather to honor the best of the best. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Day of the Teacher is a tradition that speaks to what this Commission is all about – great teachers.

Ms. Fortune continued, “This annual day of recognition and reflection on teaching is one of the Commission’s most cherished activities as we honor those who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession of teaching.”

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